[English]

Staff Strength

1826. SHRI SATYAJITSINH DULIPSINH GAEKWAD : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the total staff strength of Association of Indian Universities at present;

(b) whether employees's dismissal/termination/ suspension is a routine affairs in this organisation;

(c) if so, the number of employees dismissed/ terminated/suspended during the last ten years and their grounds thereof;

(d) the number of employees out of them who have filed court cases against this organisation;

(e) the outcome of these court cases; and

(f) the stops taken by the organisation to ensure job security of its employees by avoiding unfair dismissals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (f) According to the information furnished by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), the staff strength of the Association as on 31st July, 1997 was 86. The association have informed that disciplinary action was taken against seven employees during the last ten years. The action included (i) compulsory retirement (ii) termination of service (iii) deemed resignation and (iv) suspension.

Out of four cases filed in the Court against the decision of the Association of Indian Universities, two are still pending in the Court. The AIU has informed that a Standing Committee, which includes 19 Vice-Chancellors, review cases on appeal by the employees.

[Translation]

Cooking Gas

1827. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the total quantum of cooking gas supplied to Bihar as against the requiremet of the State during the last three years; and

(b) the efforts made or proposed to be made by the Government to ensure supply of cooking gas to the State as per their requirements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) The details of LPG sales made by the PSU Oil Companes in the State of Bihar during the last three years are given as under :

Year	Sales by PSU Oil Cos. (Figs. in TMT)
1994-95	99.4
1995-96	133.9
1996-97 (Prov)	126.2

(b) Efforts are constantly on to release LPG connections to applicants as early as possible. Plans have been drawn for higher availability of LPG by increasing the capacity of existing production sources, putting up new plants and higher imports through existing and new facilities.

[English]

Infanticide

1828. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR KHANDELWAL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether aborting the female foetus and murdering the girl child is quite rampant; and

(b) if so, the number of female infanticide in the country during 1995-96?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) and (b) Abortion of the female foetus has been a cause of concern and therefore, the Central Government has enacted the Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques (Regulation and Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1994 to curb the misuse of pre-natal diagnostic techniques for determination of the sex of the foetus leading to female foeticide. Infanticide is a crime under the Indian Penal Code. However, according to the National Crime Records Bureau, 139 and 106 cases of female infanticide and 38 and 34 cases of female foeticide were reported during 1995 and 1996 respectively.

[English]

Indo Pak Treaty

1829. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA ;
SHRI P.S. GADHAVI :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Sindhu Water Treaty between India and Pakistan was signed in April, 1960;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government for its implementation; and

(c) the extent to which the treaty has proved successful in the interest of both the countries?